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Springfield Mass.
Nov 26/80

Dear Sir

Our mutual friend Mr E. O. Damon has given me your address and referred me to you for some information I sought from him, which was - who is Mr Charles J. Batchelder of Cambridge?

Mr Batchelder has asked me to prepare for him a list of the Birds

found in this vicinity and while I have not the slightest objection to prepare such a list - indeed should be pleased to do it for any worthy object - yet as I lead a busy life and said list would involve considerable labor to prepare carefully - & gather data in re the rarer species - I am not disposed

to undertake it to gratify a flippant
mans whim. It is a delicate
thing to ask - Mr Batchelder
may, for aught I know, be an
intimate friend of yours - but
Mr Dawson has spoken very highly
of you & he is such a chivalrous
gentleman I trust him when he

advise me to seek you. Now if you will kindly tell if you consider Mr Batchelder or his work is worthy of the task he asks of me I shall feel under an obligation to you.

In writing to a gentleman I presume it is superfluous to add that anything you may write will not be misused.

I am Yours respectfully yours

M Chauncey

M. Chauncey
Nov 26 1888

St John Dec 11/80

Dear Sir

I duly received your letter of 4th and shall be pleased to endeavor to obtain the birds you mention. I am certain I can send you the Raven and Harlequin in the flesh and will forward the first really fine specimen that I meet. I can not

promise the Ptarmigan with such certainty yet think I can manage it.

They are never offered in an market and I have heard of only some 6 specimens having been rec.d here in the flesh during the last 10 years. They are occasionally offered for sale in Halifax but by the time they

read there they are in an upright condition for your purpose.

I may be able to get some good stain from the Tuskaloosa Mississippi - will write him to-day & let you know the result

Yours Dear Sir
Very sincerely Yours
N. Chamberlain

W. Burnstead

M. Chamberlain

Dec. 11-1880.

St John Dec 23/80

Dear Mr Brewster

I have not been able to obtain either Raven or Harlequin yet but am certain they will come. I have two hunters looking out for them.

I enclose a card I received from Halifax in re Ptarmigan and

shall be pleased to secure either of the skins for you should you desire it

Yours truly
M. Chamberlain

P.S.
I have written to Newfoundland for some birds but they will of course be in winter plumage

A. Vanderbilt
Oct 23, 1910

M. Chamberlain
Apr. 4, 1881

Milw. Apl 4/81

Dear Mr Rowley

I am afraid you will think that I am troubling about the bills which I promised to send you but I have failed so far to secure any of them. I have been depending upon the collectors for our local assessment and find that is not very satisfactory but am making arrangement with someone else

collection on my mind
account so hard
to make readily secure
the specimens I
want.

The cock birds leave
here early, in January
I think. My opinion
is they retire into
the dense forests to
build their nests about
the middle of January.
I saw one on its nest
during last week in
January — that was in
1875.

I have learned that a gentleman living here has a brother in Newfoundland - a sportsman - & this kind I hope to secure some Ptarmigan & shall not forget you desire to have some in summer plumage.

I think I can also get some Hagdon, for you. I am much disappointed at not obtaining ~~the~~ any specimen of that Bird Crow I have heard about. But further upon this

I have had make me think its occurrence probable. A few have been seen for several seasons, usually from middle of January to middle of March. I shall try to hunt them up next season.

I have not forgotten the other specimens you asked for & which I hope to secure as the season advances.

Not wishing to trouble you I wrote to Mr Batchelder for the back numbers of the Bulletin & have been greatly interested & instructed by them — and thank you for having suggested it to me. Among the most interesting to me have been your very beautifully written papers. In the evening (since I read from your paper on Flies &c

at a meeting of a private literary club was originated upon finding such an interesting account of a totally new subject.

If not interfering too much I would like you to tell me when & will find the best biographies of me had.

The Birds of N.A. I can imagine will be the very best that I see that only contains the land birds.

Also - On the description of eggs in Manual of Birds of N.E. Would if not where can I find better.

I intend spending my leisure time this year in field studies & in collecting specimens of skins & eggs. I shall particularly note anything observed in reference to the unsettled questions which I think can be determined in this vicinity & shall advise you when

anything in which I think you will be interested in time, under my notice. If there is anything you would like me to research for I shall be glad to undertake it

Yours sincerely J. M.

J. M. Chamberlain

I send some Crosbills & Crossbeaks for you but the taxidermist <u>mounted</u> the skin. I can send you some <u>live</u> Crossbeaks <u>mounted</u> if you would care for them.

St John Apl 14/81

Dear Mr Prowse

I feel much indebted to you for your kind letter of 10th and the information and suggestions in re Boots, which I shall be guided by

I note what you say about sending skins and you may rely upon my endeavoring to obtain those you desire.

I will also gladly try to procure the specimens mentioned - tho' they are "hard nuts" to get

I think I can manage it.

This subject of eggs reminds me that I was commissioned by Mr J. N. Banks of this city to send you as a present a large ostrich egg which he found.

He also desired me to ask you to ~~guess~~ identify some eggs he has. I send them all to you by express.

I am reluctant to bother you with this hope you will excuse my giving you the trouble

- I know collectors of eggs should identify the parents, and I am instructing the collectors here to do so invariably - but I lately discovered Bank & find he has the eggs of some 50 species carefully identified - these he sends being the fruit of his earliest efforts. He is a blacksmith but appears an honest & intelligent fellow & will I think prove a close & careful observer. I lent him some of the Bubblebees & he selected

You as the most reliable authority & being interested in your article, wished to pay you a compliment & thus it comes that I have been asked by him to send you these eggs.

For the with Baird Report of '58 and Coues' "Key" (which I have) I can render some assistance in identifying skins. I have no better authority than the prescribed Dannels Lark eggs

Banks says he found the Robins' egg on June 4. 1880. There were 3 eggs in the nest, and he left the other 2 to hatch out, that he might be certain of the young, & they proved to be Robins. He saw the parents several times, & the only difference between them & other Robins nesting near was their larger size — he says they were "considerably larger". The nest was also larger than the ordinary nest.

I have lately placed 3 new species on my catalogue of Birds of this vicinity which you may be interested in learning occur here.

On Nov 1880 an Ivory Gull of immature plumage was shot in our harbor. I sent the skin to the Smithsonian where it was identified.

On April 6. 1881 a female Gadwall was shot at Irishtown a few miles west of St John on the Bay of Fundy. It was taken in a meadow

a short distance from the shore.
A Florida Gallinule was taken at
Dick's Lake Sept 1880 by Henry
Ketchum Esq.

I have examined the Gallinule
carefully and am certain of their
identity. I dont know of either of these
2 having been found here before.

Very sincerely Yours
M Chamberlain

M. Chamberlain
Apr. 14, 1881.

Podiptila elegans
Gallinula floridana
" martinica

M. Chamberlain

Helena May 9/8

1881

Dear Mr Brewster

I duly received your letter of 29th ult and am obliged for the information in re Savannah Sparrow and shall search carefully for them.

I have obtained 2 live crows which I think are the fish-eating crow I wrote you about.

They are smaller than the Common Crow and have a different voice & call and are particularly fond of fish. in fact will not touch meat unless very hungry.

They were caught in a box trap baited with fish; and while the Common Crows in the vicinity would not touch the bait these little

fellows attacked it eagerly so soon as they observed it. Their plumage is soiled so that I can not tell much about it, tho I thought it showed a greenish hue on the breast. However I have them now in a clean cage & hope to see them in better condition in a few days. I want to send you

one for a present and will send it dead or alive, in flesh or skin as you may prefer.

It may prove to be a common cow & no great thing for a present but I hope it may prove an interesting addition to your collection.

Very sincerely Yours
M. Chamberlain

A. Chamberlain
May 18, 1882

Springfield, Mass. May 18/82

Dear Mr Brewster,

Your letter of 8th, written at Colorado Springs, reached me a few days ago & I will send this to meet you on your return home.

I am very much gratified to learn that you think my catalogue contains something of real

interest and usefulness—
that is more than
I had hoped for.
As a matter of fact
it was published
for the benefit your
own society — as evidence
of life in it — & for
the information of
our own people; & the
idea of sending it
abroad was decided
upon almost at the last
moment. It having
gone abroad however

it must stand its chance with
the rest of its fellows & I am too well
aware of some of its imperfections
to be surprised at your finding
points in it open to adverse
criticism. I hope the editor will
ask you to review it & that you will
not spare me. I am desirous of knowing
the very worst you can say of it – for

I know you will give it fair play & I can stand to have it picked to pieces.

Yr. ob. Cormorants.

I am not prepared to say which species is <u>most</u> abundant at Mach Bay. I know <u>G. Carbo</u> does breed there. I do not know, except from what you say, – that is, I did not know before, that <u>G. dilophus</u> did breed

them. The first specimens of the dichophus ever seen by any of the St John bird-men were a pair shot by an Indian in the St John river in Sept 1876. They were for some time in my cabinet. Between that time & last fall some dozen have been seen in this vicinity principally about the mouth of the harbor & in May & June.

But carbo has always been common here & seen out in all seasons. - I hearing

that a Commanche was
trading at Macao, Bay
I sent a reliable man
for a specimen. His visit
was cut short by a
storm but he brought back
a specimen of Cambo
shot just after leaving
a nest on the cliffs of an
Island. He reported a large
number of these birds
breeding there tho' he was
not certain of the species.
When I visited Macao
Bay last September
I saw 2 or 3 of each species

+ Mr Ellis told me large numbers breed there but he did not know the species. I have no note of what Mr Thomas told me.

The note on <u>dilophus</u> is a typo of many - far too many - in the catalogue, grossly imperfect.

You are quite correct in thinking the labor I spent on it was not lost

I robbed me of many an hour's sleep
I suffered for want of it & gave me
many a headache - to say nothing
of the field work. At this time the
proof sheets were to be read I was
working at the office 16 to 18 hours each
day & had to read the proof at any odd
moments I could snatch - either from sleep
or meals & I went to sleep more than once over the
proofs - no wonder there are typo: errors.

Yours W. Chamberlain

Ithaca Aug 6. 82

Dear Mr Brewster

I duly received your kind ~~letter~~ of June 25 and have since read your review of my catalogue in the Bulletin

I can not honestly say that I am disappointed with it, as you thought I would be. I think you devote quite as much space to it as such an incomplete work deserves and the criticism is not as severe as you would have been justified in in my eyes. I appreciate your generosity in mentioning many

faith and thank you sincerely for the kind & complimentary things you said of myself, — tho I should have preferred more criticism and less compliment had I had any choice in the matter.

You made a mistake in supposing that the ideas in my ~~[illegible]~~ notes were based upon "~~the~~ a ~~than~~ two-year" observations, — as a matter of fact they represent some 10 to 15 year study, — for what groups I have neglected happen to have had the special attention of my friend Harold Gilbert who is as fully competent as an Cupe

& human observer a mystery.

I am quite prepared to accept your ruling that my opinion in re Grouse (B. umbellus) is "unorthodox." When I advanced the theory that the Gray Grouse of the Rockies might be representative I clearly did not know ~~wh~~ what I was writing about. That there are two varieties of plumage noted (in an Ruffed Grouse) is of course easily demonstrated.

But, with all due deference to your higher ability and greater advantages for forming a better – a more correct opinion, I shall not yield from my position regarding the two races of Doon which I have found here simply because you class it with the unorthodox.

I formed that opinion some 12, yes 15, years ago & my late investigations have only confirmed it.

You wrote me that there were several other points in which you thought I had made a mistake and I should like very much to know what they are. I would not bother you further about it but that the Chiefs of our public schools have asked me to allow the Catalogue to be published in their Circular to the teachers and I do not desire to perpetuate any absurdity

By Mr Purdie's advice I will change Aegithus canescens to A. C. Wilkes and Hierofalco g. candicans to islandus — also by Mr Boardman's suggestion I will omit the Ruffed Puffin and Large-billed Puffin.

By the way — that list of Dr Adams is exclusively Mr Boardman's. I am almost certain Dr Adams told me so and Mr B has admitted as much to me. and I know the Doctor had no other means of gaining the information.)

I shall leave out the ~~refer~~ last paragraph of the note on Ruffed Grouse

to escape being consigned to the realms of heterodoxy. If not asking too much from you I will be very much obliged for any further ~~[illegible]~~ suggestion you can make.

I note your request for Cormorants & I shall be pleased to get them for you. I am sure I can procure them without any trouble & without much expense - at least I will try.

Very sincerely Yours M. Chaudhuri

M. Chamberlain

Aug 6, 1882

St John N. B.
Mar 12. 1882

Dear Mr Brewster

I hasten to reply to your extremely kind and courteous note to relieve you of any embarrassment you may feel regarding the pruning of my article for the Bulletin. – I told you to "cut it to suit" and I meant it.

The paragraph in the Rotini and Vivo was not written for you originally. I happened on this M.S. the night I was clearing up the

which (in looking over my notes to see if I had anything else to interest the readers of the Bull.) and rather thoughtlessly included it. I remember thinking as I tossed it up - "if they put that in the Bull. they must intend to change the character of the magazine" - and I fully concur with you that it's too "sentimental" for your pages.

I would much prefer you would not use any such consideration

on "forbearance" in printing ~~any~~ any notes I send you - I write them to entertain the readers of the Bulletin not to inflict them - and do not feel at all "stuck up" about my literary productions.

The scene of the mating of the Robin & the Vireo impressed me very much for I confess to be a sentimental lover of birds, rather than a naturalist - and I wrote ~~the~~ out my thoughts just to get them off my brain - All I can remember about the writing of

is that it was done one night after ~~to~~ one of my pals had been celebrating a birth-day and the wine had flowed rather freely at dinner, and that I ~~[illegible]~~ carried it more easily than anything else I ever attempted. So you can clear your mind from the charge of having "set upon" my "pet production".

Yours very truly

N. Chamberlain

I have sent five Red Grosbeaks for you & will send them as soon as I can pick up the cross bills.

Mr. N. Chamberlain
Nov. 12 - 1912

Mr. Chamberlain

Mobile Dec 7/82

Dear Mr Brewster

I am in receipt of your letters of Nov 19 and Dec 3. and the proof sheets, which latter I have revised and return herewith. I have marked out a portion of the opening paragraph as Mr Boardman tells me he has known the Cambria to summer near Calais (on the N. B. side) tho' I can

not gather anything definite from him — and in an article in Forest & Stream by Dr Cross in reference to Dr Merriam finding a nest near Albany. If the word I have scored go in a foot note would be necessary which you may add if you think it best.

Instead of being offended at the changes you have made, as you seem to expect mistake,

I feel much obliged to you for the trouble you have taken, and which I regret that I should have caused you.

Dear Lord Shuis.- I had no intention of placing you under uncomfortable obligations to me in that matter, if you think who first proposed <u>exchanges</u> and so far agreed as to ask you for and

accept from you several skins for those I had sent you.

I want a male and female Ruby-throated Humming-bird, mounted, for our U. H. S museum, I can not get them done nicely here. I also want nest & eggs of same species. Can you send me these? I would like them by the first of January.

Yours cordially

M. Chamberlain

Have changed the bird bought, subject to your approval. Will be one dollar cheaper for anything else.

Yokohama January 19/83

Dear Mr Brewster

I feel much obliged for the improvements you made in my article; it looks better in the Bulletin - and reads vastly better - than it would have done had it gone direct from my pen to the press.-

We are not all born writers and

it is well the Bulletin has some one at the helm with the good sense and good taste and the courage to prune the effusions of too gushing and too verbose pens.

I have to thank you also for the package of "Extras" which reached me this morning.

I think this number of the Bulletin is one

of the most attractive you have issued tho' perhaps readers who enjoy more technical articles would not endorse that.

Again thanking you

believe me

Very sincerely Yours

M. Chamberlain

M. Chamberlain

Jan. 19, 1885

M. Chamberlain

Salem Aug 15. 1883

Dear Mr Brewster

The "Flying Sparks" brought to me, this morning, your letter bearing yesterday's date - and I hasten to thank you for it. I think that it was very kind in you to take so much trouble to shew me my error and I was much interested in what you

said concerning the Check List.

I will not presume to argue the question with you - indeed when I explain to you exactly the position I have taken in the matter and you then say that I am in the wrong I will submit to your better judgement.

I will explain my position because I judge from your letter

that I have been misunderstood. You say – "I cannot agree with you in your condemnation of the "Core Check List"." Now I do <u>not</u> <u>condemn</u> said List – nor do I think anything that I have written will fairly bear that construction. I do not pretend to be able to judge of the merits of <u>either</u> system but so far as my

judgement carries me I would give the preference to Dr Cones'.

I have used the Smithsonian system and advocated its adoption and condemned the use of Dr Cones' simply because I am of the opinion that it is best to have but one system in general use and because I consider the Smithsonian is more generally used than its rival is and therefore

its adoption for general use will cause less confusion and necessitate less disturbance of an existing condition — make fewer changes in catalogues — in exchange list forms and all such.

I am ready to stand by <u>any</u> system which the majority may select and a, ready to hit at any disturber of the peace

bear the name of Cope or Brewster or any other man.

And I think that the majority of those who make any use of a system of nomenclature and classification have selected the Smithsonian. But in this I may be mistaken and if I am I am ready to withdraw what I have said and to advise my Canadian

friends to adopt Cones' list as strongly as I have urged them to forsake it.

When I was selecting a system for my catalogue I looked into the matter carefully and I came to the conclusion that the Smithsonian list was most used by writers in the different magazines and by collectors. I had 17 exchange lists before me

and only 2 of that number ~~were~~ were in Cones' system. The proportion of writers was smaller but still it appeared to me that a large majority used the Smithsonian - but in this I may be mistaken & I am open to correction. I am quite well aware that a large number of writers use Cones' and ~~that~~ this body embrace many of the leading authorities - but I do not

think these constitute the majority of the Ornithologists of America. Possibly they may have the most brain power & should be accepted as guides.

I have not pretended to advise any one but my fellow Canadian workers & should not have published anything in reference to the matter had not my opinion been so frequently solicited

What I did publish was intended solely for my own people & I am very sorry that Wade copied one of my letters into his Magazine.

I must protest against being classed with the "followers" of Wade - nor do I endorse all that appears in his paper. I think he is increasing the interest in the study of Bird life but

the O.O. is not my ideal Ornithological Journal nor made my ideal editor. He is hated to Ones has been the cause of several squabbles between us and I only regret that anything from my pen should have been used to aid him in cutting at the Doctor. The Doctor attempted to be ~~[illegible]~~

and lessen my influence with my own people & I only hit back in self defence. I am sorry he forced me to do it for he has done too much to advance the science and given us all too much valuable work to be made a monkey by such whipper-snappers as I.

I hope you will write me further about this matter & check list.

Yours truly

W. Chamberlain

Milton N.B.
Aug. 20, 1883.

Dear Mr Brewster

I am in receipt of a letter of invitation to attend the first Congress of the American Ornithologists Union, which I accept with great pleasure and I shall certainly attend the meeting unless something beyond my present

knowledge should prevent.

I am in entire accord with the design and shall be glad to contribute what share I may toward the successful accomplishment of the organization of the Union.

It is a great compliment to be invited to be one of

the foundation, for which I presume, I must thank the fact of my being one of the few Canadians eligible, and your own kind consideration, for which I am grateful.

I only wish it had been issued a little earlier and saved me from my little grievance

M. Chamberlain
Aug. 20, 1883

Dear L. I enclose this as being a bearing on your article on Wordsworth's editorial. If there is going to be a fight on account of Tom Brown, I think Neal Chamberlain will be in, and disabuse the government of a very erroneous idea. I don't know anything, but he is a fearless fellow, and quite capable of understanding the situation. I do hope that you will take him, if you can be still remaining friends in any case but with whatever and half-hearted and half-hearted, and [illegible] we are all in fact at.

Yours ever

turned them are
preparing for the
war path.

I think that
Maynard or Elliott,
or perhaps the pair
in a team with
Wade & Clagett
intend starting a
magazine in opposition
to the A.O.U. It
will probably be a
vituperative affair the
A.O.U. — I having

decided not to buy out Wade as I understood he would cease publishing it at the end of the year. I believe some disappointment has been expressed that I have been "bought off" by the "exclusion" — the sugar-plum equivalent being the election to the Council.

They think a Rad. Ly would be a dangerous thing to have [illegible]

Of course we need not care anything about this evil report as I can't see as it can do us any real harm. If the R.O.U. & its Magazine can not be made sufficiently strong to live ~~in~~ in spite of such opposition the sooner we find it out the better. But I am inclined to think that a long as we have [illegible]

M. Chamberlain
Oct 11, 1883

that any settlement
we may secure will
rather strengthen than
prove a power against
us.

I feel quite indifferent
about any opposition.
I would not pay
for conciliation so
far as I am pledged
to Jim. I votes
for Mark because I
thought it was
[illegible]
[illegible]

re ignored. But I
do not care a fig
for his power to
injure the Union.

I believe in relying
upon our work
carrying us with
success - and I think
we are too strong
have too great a
capacity & too sincere
a desire to render
good work to be in
any danger of failure.

I will keep you posted

all the same on any little news
which reach me, tho' of course you
may hear them from elsewhere.

I do not think I have told you
of how much I was delighted
at having made your personal
acquaintance — [illegible]
[illegible]

many kindnesses. I thought
of them all the time and I
will tell you all about it some
time in the mean time I
will only say - thank you.

I have been told about
Miss Brewster's preservation again
for the tenth time. It is startling
that a few nights ago I was
walking with a [illegible]

remarked, "I hear you have been in Cambridge lately — but in any house who do you know there?"

I mentioned your name to her as usual, she remarked, "Oh! I don't know Mr Brewster but I know Mrs Brewster and she is so nice that can't her own exp speak well of her!"

have for a wife a most charming woman if she is all that she has been painted to me and yet we men say take so much trouble as they do to purchase her charms. For women have very little of that which is upmost of the most charming

Ah! I had such an evening
with Dr Cree, after I parted from
you. We remained on and
down to the Hotel together. He never
reached the Hotel till about 7. He
might have been seen – creeping
up lonely paths – leaning against
stone walls & rock. Hopelessly and
[illegible]

Mr Hart the door must go the
tal King & I hinted.
He asked Jane not to quarrel
with Drane, and I did not – but
I had hard work not to.
Dr Wheaton & Mr McGrath dined
with us & after dinner we played
billiards.
I felt tired when I reached
home but am in high spirits
now.

Good night
M. Chandler

M. Chamberlain
Oct. 22, 1883

Yoder
Oct 22/83

Dear Mr Brewster

I'll take it all back - all I said about you being more ready and eager for conciliatory measures than I - for I have been proving myself quite equal to you in that respect. I've been hammering away at Wade and Maynard endeavoring to soothe or to convince them that the O. O.

has been guided by
a desire to do the
best thing possible
for itself and mythology
at large - quite irrespective
of personal consideration.
and now I have
made made a straight
offer for the O. & O.
and shall strive to
outbid the others to
keep them from making
it an anti-Nunian
organ. I am afraid
I am too late but I
shall try it.

I think everybody else almost has been trying a hand at soothing the "sore head" as I have had retailed to me scraps of conversations and quotations from letters of Brewster, Merriam, Cory, Beudine & others. They make the most of any scrap that favors their side. I have been told that Merriam has written Maynard that in (Maynard) was left ~~out~~ off the list of active members from connect of

discourtesy he had been guilty of.
I think he should not have been left off for any such reason - & if I was asked my opinion I should say that was - <u>not</u> the prime reason - and I think of Merriam <u>did</u> think so he should not have told it.

I hear you said Cox turned on all around his finger - Poor Cox! how completely you had him under your thumb. How mad he must

he when he thinks of all our remembers how many of his "little games" were "squelched".

I wonder if he thinks we were all deceived by his wordy and demonstrative efforts at harmony making.

Great Scot!! to call it "harmony" when we were setting upon a small volcano all the time - it only wanted a chance to

spread itself and then would have been no end of a mess.

Merriam repeats favoring the idea of putting an amateur department in the proposed publication - he thinks it will ~~be~~ "cheapen" the magazine in the eyes of the more eminent scientists.

I confess I have

no sympathy with any such notion
but then I am only an amateur.
(If I live long enough I am
going to redeem that word
from the base use it now is
fit to in ornithological matters)

I am not a scientist and
~~but~~ can not pronounce an
opinion on such a question. But
of course if we are publishing a

Magazine to please the savants by all means consult their views - but if our Magazine is to advance the science - is to instruct our people and consolidate our workers - is to guide ~~the~~ beginners and gather material for more advanced students - is to be a matter of pride rather to us all, then let us act as will best insure these objects & let the savants be pleased or not just as they may elect.

Mind you, I am not wedded to this idea of an amateur dept. in a mag. I think the other idea of having a monthly journal devoted to the more popular phases, and a quarterly journal to deal with the more technical subjects has too many good points to be

treated slightly -
but I do hate this
Caddish notion
of being frightened
out of one's independent
action by the fear
of what someone
may say - like some
old woman of
questionable position
shivering in dread of
Mrs Grundy.

Yours
M. Chamberlain

Hilton Nov 1 1883

My dear Mr Brewster

Your two letters are before me and it seems like an unsatisfactory way of replying to them to deal with each separately. I would so much prefer talking the matter over with you. Next again, I am to be engaged I guess every evening for ten days

thoughts or words,
so mind that I
am misunderstood.

To be very plain
about the first
subject. I have
"American Christopher"
as a name for the
infant. I hate
these half-hearted
imitations, such
as "Ruth" would be.
I was surprised
at Cousin Ancient
merely to copy
the English notions.
Now he replies

herself gain English favor by such means. Bah! they are not so weak. We will gain more credit by using our own brains and standing by our own products. I showed Dawson "Bulletin of the A.S.U." as being more American & continuing the style of the Muttall Club publications but I think it may not be a bad idea to have

and also that ~~the~~ "American
Ornithologist" will be more
comprehensive & more in the
spirit of the original designing
the magazine & further, persons
who are not members of the
A.O.U. will feel ~~more~~ more at
liberty to contribute any interesting
items they may glean. Why
little helps people from sending
forward such articles but of course
the sheets should be editors

cannot be large to meet the requirement of this same comprehensiveness.

I do not think it would pay you to spend 6/- per year for the Quebec Chronicle. The only writer in it is Dr Stone. Nelson, and myself. Lettering and I write merely what Dr Stone calls "articles de fantaisie," in plain English — "Jerk!" Yours &c

is a ~~capital~~ fairly good
essay I think, but
can't write with a
A—. Let me know
& will send on for
the new Maga anything
interesting we may
have, and I will
try — have already
tried — to get Nelson
notes either from
himself direct or
through one of us.

I hope to have a
lot of Canadian
contributors for the
Maga. The fellow

(Garnier) — "no mere amateur
on art and a "learner
slight" — a big authority on
matters — tells me he has in
preparation an article form
on nomenclature in which he
intends "blowing down" the — he
uses some stiff French words that
are meant to signify Cox &
Ridgway & Co. Often has a
crank and if I should have to

over to Mr. Allen to <u>carve</u>.

I have not seen Nelson report on Alaska bids. Why issued by the <u>Treasury</u>.

Don't be so sure you won't have any chance for the work you are running for. There is some chance for a beginning of future ~~=~~ 1881 or thereabouts. The "sorehead" may be reinforced & encouraged for another effort.

I entirely concur in your opinion that it is both useless and unnecessary to make any further efforts at conciliating the Kaffirs, or may have to fight — tho the necessity of their preparation has abated. —

They made no serious effort at raising discord in the south, & the Government keep on at any rate until next autumn

lying under they are gagged.

Lies!! I have heard some tall ones.

One fellow went just a little too far and I put up on him. Let his ruffly he remarked. "It is no wonder they call you a bull dog."

Mark says I am the only man he knows satisfied with the meeting in Memphis.

Pass Made! I am more than half sorry for him. He is such

an idiot. & yet has ~~[illegible]~~ so much about him that makes one think him not half a fool sort.

I am sorry to say Sherman did give Thayer and the reason for his being left out. Sherman wrote me he did. I thought he was too shrewd for that. It is one of strongest arguments the Southern have — they find it out and [illegible]

it looks much worse than in the original.

Herrick also wrote to me that he had "no doubt but that an Amateur Dept. would <u>cheapen</u> our Shagpuri in the eyes of the more eminent naturalists in all Countries." I am sorry I mentioned this type – but there is something else he said I am very certain he had better the matter on with you or Mr. Ward & Co.

I was not ruffled at what the Doctor wrote me, tho' it did surprise me - following so close upon his speech at the congress. But when I accused him of looking upon the amateurs as a necessary evil he was evidently displeased.

I will reply to you that I am convinced of the Darwin principle - that the scientific [illegible]

the amateur Depts.
and I anticipate
that there may be
considerable difficulty
in making a mixed
magazine which
will be acceptable
to both sections of the
fraternity.

And if this can
not be done, and it
becomes apparent
that a ~~separate~~ magazine
which will be acceptable
to the amateurs will
be disadvantageous
to the best interests

of the Union I will move for the Amateurs being cut adrift.

You don't misstate me. I have no intention of forcing the Amateurs out of resigning from or giving up my interest in the Union — in case of such an event becoming necessary.

I do not ~~think~~ consider — nor do I think any amateur holds the position, that there is an injustice.

bounden duty placed upon the Union to take the amateurs under its wing. If the members choose to aid them, so much the better for the amateurs — and, I think, so much the better for American mythology. But, if they do not, I, for one, shall not make any fuss about it. I did not join the Union to make any fuss, nor did I join any society for fun

my peculiar views upon the notice of the members. And, because I choose to think this question worth waiting for, is not in any mind any reason why everybody else should make the same choice. This is a matter of fact. I am well aware that many of the scientific branch of the fraternity are greatly as enthusiastic in the question as I am.

~~[illegible]~~ I think the first duty of the Union is to obey and you must not be surprised if you should find me, at some future time, nothing against what you know to be my own pet ideas.

If it can be managed to blend the humane & scientific I shall rejoice. If it can not be managed, I can not

publish an article Dept in an amateur mag without injuring the Union, I shall advocate the amateur publishing on for themselves.

I doesn't "fear" for the amateurs I have great faith in them. They have energy, enthusiasm, & ability to do good work - but they require guidance.

I consider it possible for each section to publish journals side by side, in friendly fellowship, neither being an opponent nor a rival of the other.

But this is all in view of a possible contingency which may not arise, which I am doing best to keep carefully out of sight, and which I have my fears for the success

They have too much vitality to be killed by neglect and will not permit themselves to be smothered to death by formalism.

We wonder why certain amateurs worked by F.H. L.T.G. Has our idea - that they were not "led". These men would be leaders, who endeavoured to shape their own course & mind the law, & then they [illegible]

to lead. The most that can be said of them is that they marched on parallel lines.

No one knows them more better than the very people for whom they follows.

I know a lot of them. One of them myself. I'll introduce you to a lot of his 'boys'. Any articles in the O.T.S. brought in numerous correspondents. We have discussed all this matter. Thus of.

They had no leaders. The men whom they would have gladly followed, did not. This is their worst bothering with.

About "acting too forward" - I would give you the same advice that you gave to me. "Don't quarrel with him" for you would be acting very unwisely & for no good purpose - but hold his friendship.

I cannot tell you, sometimes,
about that last night in Memphis.
I think the Doctor was puzzled once
or twice just what to make of me.
I remembered Richelieu's admonition
to Desmarets: "When the Lion's skin
was short eke it out with the Fox's."
And the hot dog was puzzled.
It is possible to "play possum" some
times, but I prefer rather being
"hot dog".

often are mistaken.
I do approve of what
you said about
Everett Smith's contemptible
conduct — Indeed
I think you were very
<u>mild</u>.

Jimmy! what
a letter! but
I'm finishing.

Yours truly
W. Cushing

M. Chamberlain

Nov. 12, 1898

Toledo
Nov 19. 1883

My Dear McBrayer

Since I last wrote to you I have received a letter from McAllen offering me a nomination as associate editor.

If it had been possible to leave the office I should have ~~been~~ talked the matter over with you & McAllen before deciding.

I have no desire to pose as an eccentric. I fully appreciate the compliment & it is gratifying to my vanity to have been selected; but I should have been better pleased ~~to~~ and have felt much more comfortable had I been allowed to remain as a "full private" in the R.N.R. than have been placed either on the Council or on the Editorial staff.

I may get over this. I have accepted the nomination & it sacrifices will do my level best - but it is written somewhere "Woe! unto him to whom taketh up a burden which he can not bear".

One of my western friends intends spending the coming Winter & Spring in Texas collecting skins & eggs for the English market. He is so very poor he is obliged to sell his collections. Can he do anything for you? He is a couple

and reliable "has any amount of energy. He wants to know if there is any matter to be especially studied in the interest of ornithology: can you suggest anything for him to pay special attention to?" Can I get for him any copies of the articles on Texas species which have appeared in the Bulletin? I will buy the numbers in which they occur if any are found.

I should feel obliged for any suggestions which will be of value to

M. Chamberlain

Boston Dec 15 1883

Honolulu
Dec 3. '83

My Dear Mr Brewster

I receive many thanks for your two friendly & interesting letters. Was glad to learn all the <u>personal</u> matters.

Cory be d— He was caught cognitting with the peace disturbers — was ashamed of it & backed out — the best thing he could do.

I know this annoyed Sec.

He wrote to me recently regarding my having said he sympathised with Maynard - dropping some. In my reply I said something like this: "I have considerable sympathy for Mr Maynard. I think he has done a great deal of good work & regret that he is not an active member of the A.O.U."

I wonder what he will make of it.

As you may suppose I do not sympathise

with any mean action of any sort whatever
for Maynard's conduct in this whole
affair I have nothing but strong contempt
But Cory must be <u>civil</u> & <u>gentle</u>
in his remarks to me & I shall
say ~~that~~ which <u>he</u> might be sorry for.

I can not possibly go to Washington
If you like you may quote from
any of my letters regarding point of

issue. I have written very fully & fully to Mr Allen & you may ask him to let you see my letters if you wish. Have sent Mr Allen some notes & a letter on "the trinomial nuisance"! (!!!!) for number one of the new page.

Excuse haste

Very cordially Yours

M. Chamberlain

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Dec 3, 1883

M. Chamberlain
July 29, 1884

Hyde Park July 29/84

My dear Brewster—

I was very glad to receive your letter, tho' I have not had time to reply before this, as I have my hands more than full.

I am stealing a few minutes from work this stormy afternoon to pen this.

For many years

reading I like the
look very much —
would ask for no
change. Even the
dead language
racket has a charm
for me from the "spice"
of the composition.
Your article is capitally
done. But when I
ask myself, how will
the amateurs like the
Magazine? and ask
how will certain of our
gentlemen like your
article? I am inclined

to endorse your sentiments that said controversy was a mistake - or rather, it was a mistake to put it in "Thelink".

All the amateurs that I have heard from, who have seen the Magazine, think it is too scientific tho' some have subscribed for it. It is too soon yet to form any opinion of how it may ultimately

suit their taste; - they may and thus I hope for - gain a taste for such writing by reading it. Most of them however prefer bird-life to all other subject, and would rather be entertained than instructed.

The first number was a damping one to my hopes for amateur coöperation and support but I shall keep on in my endeavors.

create an interest in it.

I enclose a circular I have had struck off - with Mr Allen's permission and assistance - and shall have this put in the O.P.O. & some other journal.

Mr Allen asked me to write another letter in re trimmings and I have done so.

It will do some good, I think, to have the subject fully ventilated, and to let the unscientific reader, & the younger students see, that such questions will receive courteous reply.

In this second letter I have put forward the sentiments of the ultra anti-variety party — for tho' I am

heretically disposed on this subject I feel no fierce antagonism to it - and expect I shall catch some raps for my trouble.

I think you treated Smith exactly as you wished. I was quite sure you would not make any mistake in the matter. You estimate of the man agrees exactly with what I am forced to judge him to be.

Thanks for compliments re my wild-cat yarn. Yes! I suppose my story of killing one with dust shot will be looked upon with suspicion, but it is a fact all the same and a fact which should not be kept back from fear of being doubted. Have not heard from Acorn in an age.

Yours

M. Chamberlain

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Sept. 21 1882.

My dear Stewart—

We received your letter yesterday afternoon & at once wrote a hasty reply and will now continue the subject for as it is possible that you may be engaged just this evening with the P.E.O. I had better have you the whole story.

I am very indignant at the article which had appeared in that Magazine. In the afternoon the H.M. committee turned the manuscript, & in writing to Mr Allen said I asked him if he thought I had better write to the P.E.O. about it. He replied that he thought a letter from me might serve the impression that the Magazine editor had ~~been~~ obtained

we thought such a little had better by
see than any of the rest of us because
I was known as an amateur & had
a a letter written for the P.T.O.

Soon after this I was rewriting some
some & sent the letter & remarked in a
P.S. that I was sorry to see so many
misstatements in the P.T.O. & that I thought
it was a mistake & then almost from
the start the good feeling I knew a
large number of the scientific & methodists
had for ~~me~~ it. Been writing from
memory that I could see the [illegible]
I dig remarks.

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1882.

In his reply he said that very little was the first intimation he had had that any misstatement had been published in the P.&O. & he asked me to write a letter for publication in the Press, pointing out the errors. I was much pleased with the tone of his letter. It was the very first little I had exchanged with him & it ~~[illegible]~~ impressed me favorably towards him. He said he did not control the editorial management. In this letter he told me that you had offered to assist him in procuring a permit to collect.

I wrote the letter and sent it to him. In it the "bull dogs" not only showed his

truth and done a little shaking. I said that ~~certain~~ the editor & the correspondent had apparently fallen into an error regarding the attitude of the R.G.S. That certain editorial remarks & certain passages in letters which I quoted were "false". By way of illustrating that we were inclined to concede a point in favor of collectors rather than against them I said. I hear that a member of the Committee has obtained a permit for a collector who was so unnatural that he had never even heard of "the Auk" — and another member of the Com. has promised to obtain a permit for a Boston taxidermist who has published some "advertisements that could scarcely be considered in the interest of science"

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I replied to your offer to the editor and he said you never gave it to him or else he would have published it.

He wrote me that he would publish the letter, but if I agreed to your offer it seemed he had made a mistake as you had only promised to endorse my application & he would not like to have you placed in a false position in the matter. He said that the C.T.O. for Sept. was in type & was then late in Aug. so if I wished I could make any alteration in my letter I desired, in time for the following issue. He added. If I do not hear from you at once, I will send it to the editor & then it will be out of my control. I wrote to me the article & I will make the alteration

I have not heard from Hatton since.
About a week after I received my article
a long bitter, & rather insolent letter from
Carpenter in reply to my article.
I was very busy at the time & did not
hurry to reply. In a hour I wrote a
letter to him — a civil — yes a friendly
letter. I told him I did not think he
had intended any wrong that I considered
he was acting with sincerity but had been
misinformed. — I ~~two days~~ told him I
would change a few words in my article
return it in a few days. Two days after
I received a letter from him that has crossed
mine. This second letter was more
bitter & nothing than the first.

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among other things he said. "If you do not reply at once to the question I asked in my last I will publish these rotten." These questions were ~~[illegible]~~ such as had been by the writer of the letters in the City issued. I gave me some friendly advice – said he was ready to prove every word he had printed & gave me to understand that I was justified in publishing my article & must be ready & take a mauling. On receipt of this I made a few ~~[illegible]~~ verbal alterations in my article added a P.S. re the letters of members of the "A.O.U." & "L.C.P.N." & sent my compliments to Mr Carpenter & enclosed them and a note requesting him to publish them in the P.S. adding "If you have

any proof that what I have written, in any part of it is not correct. I will be much obliged if you will publish it."

Before this reached him he had received my previous letter repeated apologizing for his hasty & unmeaning word & writing in a much subdued & friendly tone. In this letter he dragged in your name. He wrote that at a meeting in the State House ~~[illegible]~~ before the Committee in the Game law, I think, you had attacked the senators very severely. I knew this could not be the truth. In replying to him I said.

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I know Mr Brewster better than I know any other member of our Town & the age - and feel toward him nothing but the warmest friendship but if you my knowledge of his acting in a two faced way and while professing to be a friend of the amateur acting against them I think you should justify & vote ~~[illegible]~~ against the rest of the Committee for his action. And if you can prove him to ~~[illegible]~~ be the enemy of the amateurs, you can count on my lending you a hand to give him a drubbing. But I think Mr F will have some difficulty in establishing his point. It would, certainly, be a new role for Brewster, for I know that many an amateur

has proved in him a most kind friend indeed. This is very condemnatory of you, as nearly as I can remember the term, I am ready to stand by it.

He he squealed a good deal about the R.S. & had apologized to me & on it readily contained ~~nothing~~ nothing that I was very anxious to have published I got him that if he could rather not publish it I would not publish the report either or pleasing rather

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I can not understand how Mr Webster could have construed anything that I have written into a condemnation of you or of himself, or what he refused to when he told you that he had refused to, unless my article unless I would take out my attack on you. I did not write an attack on you — I have received no refusal to furnish my article.

I am sorry for you having to wade thro all of this stuff but it is I think best for you to know the whole story.

The steam cross. In a letter received from Dupuis & Co

days ago he says he was just sent to
admire your attack on the monopolies at the
state Democ meeting, and requested me to
telegraph for corroboration.

Who is Carpenter? I think I have
heard that he is a College-bred
man, a man of a high organization.

Yours truly

W. Allen Moulton

Hon. Wm. Cornell Rec.
Chairman, but as you
& Hartshorn not in
Cambridge, we keep the
[illegible]

N. Hampshire
Aug. 30 1876

M. Chamberlain.
Oct. 13 - 1886

Allen H. B.,
Oct. 13, 1886.

My dear Brother,—

Your letter came to hand several days ago. I am very glad that you have given me these suggestions regarding Carpenter character. I shall no so much bother how to deal with him in future — though I want to have as little as possible to do with pilloring or stamping

I am fully convinced that he has written most of the abuse of the O.U. which has appeared under other initials; One of his letters to me it is too much like that signed "A member of the O.U." to have been accidental.

I accused him of writing that, at which he became very indignant and threatened me with all kinds of terrible things.

I expect I shall get a "taking over", but if he

will only publish my article just as I sent it he can do all the raking he has stomach for. He promised that my article would appear in the Oct. No. — that has not reached me yet.

I have seen nothing to lead me to think him at all insane — I think him a rascal, with not sufficient shrewdness to hide his rascality.

I shall say (or write) <u>nothing</u> <u>whatever</u>, to <u>any person</u>, of what you have told me in F.H.S.

Lou and I agree perfectly regarding the collection - including the curiosity gatherer & the "small boy".

I have been looking forward all summer to meeting you in Washington, and now I fear that I will have to give up the trip. My sister is in such poor health that ~~[illegible]~~ she is often unfit to travel and unless she improves I cannot leave. Your kind invitation to

spend a few days at your house, on the way south, adds to my desire to go.

I would enjoy it all so much, and I long so for a holiday that it feels a bit hard to have to give it up — but I shall not be caught in such a fix another year. I shall go to the next meeting of the Club — "or bust"

Please convey my kind regards to Mrs Rickwater & believe me

Very sincerely yours

W. Chamberlain

Mr Chamberlain

Jan. 15. 1887

In re Carpenter

Ottawa, N. B.,

Jany. 15, 1887.

My dear Brewster, –

I am in receipt of your letter and will surrender unconditionally – you can count upon having me under your eye for two weeks in October.

Your cordial invitation, and the pleasure the visit

not afford you pecuniary
one wish that Pitcher
was not so far off -
I should rather have
it the very best match.

I am glad to hear
that you think it best
for me to answer Mr
Mathews. I was afraid
that I may thought
rather undignified in
taking any notice
of the P. & O. but I
am at heart an amateur

whether they ought sit or not, and
I long to see the younger students
settling a little place than they have fo-
~~the~~ sometimes carried (though they are
doing better lately) and above all
things I consider it to their advantage
& to the advantage of the science
that the senators & the more advanced
students should work <u>together</u>

that they have not, here to fore, worked as harmoniously as they might, has been the fault of the amateurs, or, rather, the fault of a few self-constituted leaders whom a large number have blindly followed. Now I propose that this blindness shall be removed; that these leaders shall be unmasked and kicked out, & if the L.T.T. ~~doesn't~~ is continued open to the

I shall use its columns for the purpose.

I have already sent a copy to Dr Northup and Carpenter has promised to have it appear in the July issue.

This second letter is not so bluntly frank — so brutal as my first letter. The "bull dog" has been muzzled

I wish that I had known that you would allow me to use your name or I would have published the fact of your offer to Mr Potter.

Lafferty has several things in private letters tried to create out a strong case against you. He writes me that you have sent Frazer and Cahoon to collect for you. Cahoon's name has a rather shady reputation

But he has never been able to bring anything against you that I could not explain or justify.

I fancy that Northrop writes at Carpenter's dictation, as he is collecting for Carpenter — and the latter writes me.

Yours sincerely

M. Chamberlain

The notice in Dr C's the auditor magazine was as though Gilmore intended that to be the "popular" and "authoritative" review of Mitchelbody's book.

Milles

Apl 17 1889

My dear Brewster

Thanks for your letter of 3d

I have not heard from Carnal lately. I was in his place yesterday, but he being away I could not learn whether he had sent you claim or not. I am

looking there to-morrow.

I do not feel any disappointment over your announcement that you will not be at the "Old Manse" in October - for, while I should have been delighted to visit you there, Cambridge has strong attractions for me - it is "new territory" to me, almost, and then your collection is there -

But a week in the society of Penny and Mrs Brewster will have exceedingly pleasant - tone that the surrounding will be of small importance - none in fact.

I afraid the "au book" will not appear for sometime to come

I think I wrote you that I undertook the work by Thompson upon accepted the portion which he allotted to me. He attained a large portion for himself & undertook a great deal that I knew he was not able for. Neither of us were able for it. He has discovered his mistake &

not, apparently,
ready to take my
assistance nor to
give up part of his
original design.

I thought from
the fact that he had
no correct idea of
the magnitude of the
work he was undertaking,
I was not much
surprised at the result.

Then, I think he lacks persistent energy & patience to carry on a large work. The uninteresting drudgery of the thing was very trying.

His part will probably ~~that~~ be dormant for sometime. I will keep on at mine till a large portion of it

elsewhere if he does not continue his. I have been studying all winter have lots of work (mimeographing) cut out for this summer.

Yours sincerely

M. Chamberlain

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Apr. 17. 1887

Athens
July 16, 1887

My dear Lucretia

I have concluded to do as you advise, to take up Natural History as a profession.

I have come to this determination partly because it is your advice, and partly because both my inclination and my reason prompt me to it.

I have never had any love for commercial life

I remained in it simply because my duty to others demanded my remaining. But my heart was not in it. The mere accumulation of money had no charm for me and I instinctively shrank from many things connected with business, and for several years my day dream has been solely of the good time coming when I might leave business and devote my time wholly to scientific study.

Then, I wrote you last I had given
very little thought to what I should
turn to when I had finished winding
up the Estate, tho' in a half dreamy
way I had said to myself that a year
or so in some of the museums would be
an acceptable change, and partly from
that, has arisen the thought that possibly
I might <u>drift</u> into making a profession
of Natural History. Then little town but

a step to all meaning on the matter
and I have & have carefully thought on
the entire question. the distant future
as well as the present. the difficulties
and labor as well as the gratification.
the possibilities of failure as well as success. and having looked the
matter squarely in the face I have
adopted your advice.

You need not have apologized if

me for having given the address - I feel under deep obligation to you for it. And for your many kind words, and for your offer of any in influence I may, what can I say. 'Thank you' is far too weak a phrase - as well try to cover a mountain with a napkin.

I hope that I shall not have to ask you for my money - I know you

will understand me
when I say that I
shall be not to make
any such aid, and I feel
quite sure that I will
not require it, but should
the necessity arise I
will not hesitate to
apply to you.

But I will write again
more about it and if I
think you you must
be some of the blame
myself.

I hope with how what I get the necessary study and training."

I purpose to fit myself to fill the position of Naturalist on the "Canadian Geological and Natural History Survey", which I think I can obtain - as, failing that, to fill the post of Curator of some of our Museums. He me in Canada has given any attention to birds nesting -

an awkward way or grammar, or Poetics or Ethics. The man who now holds the position of 'naturalist' in the library, is a Botanist who knows little or nothing of the other departments.

But I must be <u>full</u> a position and not the same time fit myself for future study. I do not expect to make a special study of more than one branch, but I must be able to pass sufficient

general knowledge of the Arts to be able to do any work that is likely to be demanded.

It seems to me that I could best get my knowledge at some of the large museums, and if I could get a position at any of these institutions, even if only nominal, it would assist me, materially, in securing a situation in Canada.

Will you kindly advise me about this?

My own ~~[illegible]~~ choice
of location would be
Cambridge, for apart
from the fact of your
being there, I have a
preference for the literary
influence — its scientific
and literary influence —
its method and its culture
and even if you left, two
years and a half, my
mind would I think be
benefited by the very
atmosphere of the place.
Then again, I think

could easily obtain employment there for my spare hours, should I find I feed my store of evening running short.

A few days ago I heard that the N.Y. Museum needed an assistant in their ornithological dept. so wrote to McIlhenny about it. But I think Newspaper paragraph than Cambridge - & besides we not so great a Washington

No! I shall turn up at your house next October unless something happens that I do not now anticipate.

Sincerely yours
M Chamberlain

M. Chamberlain
July 16. 1887

Wellesley Mass 8/89

My dear Renwick

I do not wonder at you laughing over my scene with Dr Selwyn. I nearly laughed in his face at the time, and the more I learn of his power — or, rather, of the narrow limit of it. The same am I inclined to laugh at his flattering.

He could not keep me at the position that he might make it less comfortable than I could allow. K. and I had had [illegible]

I entirely agree with you that a year or two of field work would accrue me in fitting a position in the Survey Staff, but I think I can gain more political help now than will be compensated for by the ~~[illegible]~~ addition to my scientific reputation - for the delay would jeopardize my political influence & unfortunately these positions are largely dependant upon said influence.

I have three points to make. I must (1) convince the Minister of the Interior that

the office of mithologist is necessary & for that I am capable of filling it & I am that I am appointed instead of some other of the army of office seekers.

I shall work for the three points simultaneously, for the Minister must have some good reason at hand for yielding to the wire pullers & just now is my best chance for having the wire pullers in my favor.

The Government may have to face an election - they are preparing for it - [illegible] is one of

their weak point. I am one of the leaders of a coterie of young men whom the Govt. supporters here seem to consider would be most anxious not to offend. And they know that we are a clannish lot, & are particularly susceptible to anything like kicking one of our young when he's down. And I am down, & I have the sympathy of those men as well as that of the really influential men of the Govt. party. I can not depend upon having this sympathy in this neighborhood any more from now. My friends are not particularly polite – nor they are human.

Minister Wheeler is a newspaper man of wide experience, enlarged views, considerable intellectual ability and common sense – a man that is approachable & that can be influenced by reason. He would be ~~[illegible]~~ influenced in the scientific part of the question by Sir William Dawson's opinion.

Sir William Dawson ~~[illegible]~~ I cannot afford to risk the loss of any trick. If you have kindly offered assistance I will ask you to help me in this – you can render me very material assistance in influencing

Mr. Williams. He is not a crank, & is very fond of being trifling to aid in its advancement. He does not realize, I think, in fact what state our mythology stands & I think, if this is pointed out to him he will want time enough to have it remedied. I say "I think" - I form this opinion from what I have heard - I am not sure I am correct.

Would you be willing to write me a letter setting forth your views of him such a

Canadian ornithologist might do for vacancy
the assistance he might render to young
student - point out my fitness for the
position - That's pretty rough on you, but I'll
try not to bring you into disgrace & let me send
this letter to Dr Williams as part of my argument
& my credentials. He is intimate with Ottawa
& Agassiz & Sandes & your being under them would
raise you in his estimation. I can't have no
better recommendation than that of the Curator of Birds for
the Museum of Comp Zool & the Boston Soc.

But if I get a permanent place on the staff I will be more likely to get on that Alaska party. It is not the Boundary Commission, as I told you — only an exploring party from an Survey staff. They may or may not continue it next year. Good reason, though, who is at the head of it is a splendid fellow, & takes with him whoever he wants — I shall try to make him want me.

Yours sincerely

M. Chamberlain

I will send you a copy of my letter to the Minister

M. Chamberlain
Nov. 6-1907
Dept. Int. & reply

Ottawa Nov 15/87

My dear Brewster

The day after I wrote to you last I received a letter from Mr. Stewart of the "Quebec Chronicle" – an F.R.S.C., & very influential political man – telling me that he had written to the Minister of the Interior urging the necessity of creating a branch of mythology in connection with the Geological Survey & asking me if I would accept the charge of it if he succeeded in his effort. I at once replied that I was arranging to apply for the position.

I then began my campaign in dead earnest & have so far been most successful in gaining the support and assistance of the very leaders of the party here & in several other Provinces., & by this time the Minister has had a dozen letters asking for my appointment.

Knowing he would refer at once to Dawson I immediately wrote that servant, pointing out the necessity of the office & the work to be done, & asking his assistance. I have not yet heard from him.

This morning Judge Tuck, the most influential man here, came to my office to see me about the matter & I shewed him a letter I just received from

Merriam, pointing out the need of some one being given charge of the work, & the extent of the work to be done & its importance & when he was thus he said: "You write me out at full length your own opinion of the matter & what you want to do & I will send it to John White, for he & I are old friends."

In that letter I have taken the liberty of referring to you for my qualifications.

Merriam's letter is <u>capital</u> for my purpose. He does not puff me - simply says "he will be most happy to testify to your being an enthusiastic worker & to the recognized merit of your mythological writings." I do not

M. Chamberlain
Nov. 15 - 1887

desire to be represented as a professional scientist or as especially clever. If they entrign you will say that much for me I shall be deeply obliged to you.

The hardest point will be to convince White that there is any need of the office or any work to be done - for Selwyn will say that there is not.

Yours sincerely
M. Chamberlain

I know that I am boring everybody about this, but I can not get the position in any other way, & when I once get it I will cease boring.

An editor for Popular Science has asked me to ~~give~~ have any letters I have or get testimony to my qualification for work use extracts from them where he thinks they will tell.

ST JOHN, N.B

St John Nov 18/87

My dear Brewster

Your letter is just what I most need – I can not suggest any alteration, excepting perhaps in one clause which I have marked. Your suggestion might precipitate the

Minister of the Interior, as the possible expense of the office is really the great bugbear

Then you ignore the Survey, its work - and its Museum, which is rapidly filling up - & this might not be considered complementary.

I can only hope to get the office & dept created as

a branch of the Survey; the extension of the Dept must be left to the future & my capabilities to make it its important part.

In a letter Merriam wrote me (with permission to use) he is seven tho' cautiously so, in ~~condemning~~ criticising the

manner in which the birds (especially those kept in the museum — the specimens that are not mounted —

Yours sincerely
M Ramsbottom

Ramsbottom

Nov. 18-1887

Re Dept. of Ornithology
Copy of reply enclosed

Ottawa, Mar. 29/87.

My dear Brewster:-

Yours with Dr Selwyn's letter came duly to hand.

I am neither surprised nor disappointed at the opposition of Selwyn - I anticipated as much. I am quite prepared, also, for the Minister of the Interior to say that he does not intend to make

any addition to the Survey Staff, nor increase at present, the ~~st~~ Department of the Survey.

I shall write to Dr Selwyn a mild letter, ignoring his opposition, & telling him of many things concerning the Zoological branch of his Survey which he will not care to have published, which I shall offer to assist him to remedy.

I shall try to convince Mr White that it will be policy for ~~the~~ him to appointment unto the Survey; that it will be in the interest of the Govt. & of the Survey,

I know that things are not what they seem, nor what they should be, at the Survey office & museum. The dept of Zoology is especially faulty - the man in charge is

lazy & incompetent — a splendid
palentologist all the same — but his
mithology is damnable — I don't
know much, but I will make him dust
around pretty lively, & put things into better
shape, whether I am appointed to the
survey or not. It will be better for that
man if I am appointed — in that case he
will only have me to fight.

Hagerup has not sent me the data for those Cryptolemus. He says "the darkest was taken June 7/86 – that the of the others he says" the data stand upon the paper in which he is wrapped."

His address is

A. Hagerup
Frigtut
Greenland

care of W. F. Hagar & Co.
111 Walnut St.
Philadelphia

Vessels leave Philadelphia for Greenland in August and September.

Yours sincerely
M. Chamberlain

M Chamberlain

Nov. 21 1887

Hagarenes address etc.

St. John, Jany.4, 1888.

My dear Brewster:-

Wont you join me in a Moose hunt? I have just written to Mr.Cory, and if you two can come I shallbe delighted.

I have the best of chances for a pleasant time and good sport, that this province can furnish. An intimate friend, the son of the cheif justice of our supreme court, was in my office this morning, and I asked him where I could go for a few day's hunting. He said, "Your the very man I have been looking for. Jack Babbitt wants me to bring some fellows up to his camp for a hunt. Moose are plenty, and Jack can put us all up at his head quarters."

Babbitt is at the head of a large lumber gang operating on the head waters of the Tobique. He is an educated gentleman , and a keen sportsman. Our mutual friend (Carr Allen) is just such another. With them, and some Indians to do the heavy work, we should have a fine time. I will go by rail to Andover (you can go direct to Andover from Boston) and drive to the camp. We will require to take nothing but our guns. Babbitt will give us grub and sleeping room. We will take Indians from Andover, and anything you may want in the way of snowshoes etc. we can get at the village.

You need not be afraid of heavy tramping, you can let your Indian do as much of that as you want toshirk. Nor need you be at all afraid of severe cold or of discomfort in camp. The woods are warmer than the open, and Jack lives well.

Yours , in haste,

W. Chamberlain

I have nothing now from Ottawa to report. Are still fighting.

Mr. Chamberlain

Jan. 4, 1888

St. John, Jany.17, 1888.

My dear Brewster:-

I am more dissapointed than I can well express to find that you cannot go to the woods with me. I shall leave in a few days, so soon as I can get some business matters settled.

Thanks for the memo. re. Gyrfalcons. Hagerup wrote that he was sending a Peregrine, but I do not remember if one was in the box.

Prehaps you had better send the "Manual" by way of Copenhagen, as the first vessel does not leave Philadelphia before August, and a steamer leaves Denmark early in the Spring. I am sending a "Key" that route. I merely mark the letters "via Copenhagen", and thy reach him allright. I have discovered that the name of the town Hagerup lives in is Jvigtut, not Tvigtut. I have already written him that you would send a "Manual", so you had better write him when you mail it. I have no objections whatever to your asking him to send you skins. I have all I want at present.

By the way, do you want my copy of Catesbey's book? I have endeavored to find out what it is worth, but cannot. There has not been one sold for a very long time. It was sold at time of publication at one hundred and five dollars (2I guinea). What will you give me for it?

Sincerely Yours,

M. Chamberlain

M. Chamberlain

Jan. 17 - 88

Hagerup's address

[illegible]
[illegible]
May 1st 88

My dear Brooks

You are at hand.

I offered Mr. Porter your Cutlery for 800$ but he said he could not afford such a sum. He afterward told me he thought it should be worth nearly that sum. I will give it to you for 700$.

You are correct in considering addition stated

the news seems to claim that you are not feeling in good condition. You go South for health — & go North!

I hear tomorrow Sam is <u>rushed</u> in today.

In haste

Yours

W. Chamberlain

Send me your address when you get settled

M. Chamberlain

Jan. 25. 88

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Cambridge
April 3, 1895

My dear Brewster,—

I want to thank you for your kindness in sending me a copy of your Minot. I have not had opportunity to examine it with care but a hasty glance assures me that you have been a respectful as well as a careful editor — you did not fear to piece your author's work.

I have always had a high regard for Dennis's work and have made much use of it, so am doubly glad to have an edition with the added value of your notes to complete its usefulness.

I was afraid you had concluded that I had lost my interest in mythology from my not having attended any of the Club meetings this winter; but instead of decreasing I think my interest in the study, & in bibl. life, is growing more intense. I have spent

more time in reading ornithological books and in field work, during the past year than ever before.

My absence from the meetings has been unavoidable - the meetings of the School Board running on Monday evening - and to amusement I have been writing a little book for Canadian schools, putting into it the substance of some lectures on the song birds

which I delivered in St John some ten years ago. It will make a small book dealing with about forty species. I hope it will be issued next month.

Cordially Yours

L. Chamberlain

L. Chamberlain – MS.
April 3. 1895.

My dear Brewster:-

I have written to several Canadians about Walter Raine and every one condemns him.

Dr Brodie writes:-

"He is utterly unreliable and a cheat where money is concerned. His man Friday, is even more so."

such being the opinion of his town folk, it is probable that the charges against him are well founded.

Yours truly
J. Chamberlain

Lenox Hall,
Aug. 7, 1877.

HARVARD UNIVERSITY.

Lawrence Scientific School.

N. S. SHALER, Dean.
M. CHAMBERLAIN, Secretary.

Cambridge, Mass., Mar 16,97

Dear Brewster,

I have been expecting every week that I could arrange my affairs so as to go to Washington, but I have been disappointed, and now am obliged to give up the idea of making a visit there just now. In the meantime I am sorry to say I have sadly neglected the work of the Raine Committee. I will, however, write Merriam today, and inquire if Captain Bendire has left with him the information required, or if it is available. I will let you know at once what Merriam writes me.

Yours sincerely,

M. Chamberlain

William Brewster, Esq.,
145 Brattle Street,
Cambridge.

Chamberlain - Me.
Mar. 16, 1897.

HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Lawrence Scientific School,

N. S. SHALER, Dean.
M. CHAMBERLAIN, Secretary.

Cambridge, Mass., Feb.4,98

My dear Brewster,

A friend has asked me to try to sell for him a black gyrfalcon skin, shot in Nova Scotia in January. It has been put up by a man who has had considerable practice in skin-making, and is probably in good condition. It is said to be a fine specimen. What will you give for it?

Yours very truly,

M Chamberlain

Mr. William Brewster,

Brattle Street,

Cambridge.

Chamberlain — M.
Feb. 4. 1898.